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Title : Need to implement the proposal for conversion of the India Reserve Battalion of Lakshadweep into Lakshadweep State Armed Force.

SHRI HAMDULLAH SAYEED (LAKSHADWEEP): I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the Indian Reserve Battalion personnel when transferred from Lakshadweep Island to Daman & Diu and Dadar & Nagar Haveli have to face lot of problems viz. economic disparity, change of medium of education for the children and miserable family life.

When the Islanders working in IRBN are posted in Lakshadweep, they get higher salary and also get the benefits of being Scheduled Tribe which they cannot avail of when posted out of Lakshadweep. The Islanders of Lakshadweep are socially and economically weak. Government service is the major source of their livelihood. They are put to financial loss when transferred from Lakshadweep to other place. To help the poor Islanders working in IRBN, Hon'ble Home Minister had kindly agreed the proposal for conversion of IRBN into Lakshadweep State Armed Force so that the Islanders remain in UT of Lakshadweep.

Therefore, I would humbly request and urge the Government that this process of conversion may kindly be expedited till then they may not be transferred from Lakshadweep to Daman & Diu and Dadar & Nagar Haveli.